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Minutes 02/11/2013

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON
LEAF BLOWER COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 11, 2013
6:30 p.m.**

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Mr. Tibbetts, Vice Chair, Ms. Snyder, Secretary, Mr. Adleman, Ms. Butts, Mr. Downing, Mr. Grandon, Mr. Horan, Mr. Kerble, Mr. Ruderman, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Sullivan.

Absent: Ms. Band, Mr. Cusce, and Ms. Romano.

Mr. Tibbetts opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Mrs. Mahon stated that a report/presentation is due to the Selectmen no later than March 8, 2013.

1. Approval: Draft Minutes 2/4/13

There was discussion started by Mr. Kerble that the "at fifty feet (50)" full throttle needed to be added back in to #5 of the Proposed Bylaw Amendment-it was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Mr. Tibbetts moved approval with corrections. SO VOTED (8-0-1)

Ms. Snyder abstained.

2. Discussion: Document(s) of bylaw amendments for recommendation to the Board of Selectmen
After a short discussion most committee members were in agreement to the compromise amendments and decided to vote the amendments.

Ms. Rice, Town Counsel, advised the Committee to:

- delete the first paragraph
- delete the words in the second paragraph "...as amended by the vote of the 2012 Annual Town meeting..."
- change the words in (D, 1.) "section to Article" and "town employees to Municipal purposes"
- add in (5.) the word all "...yard clean up and all maintenance services..."
- add in (5.) the words fifty feet (50) "...fifty feet (50) at full throttle..."
- add in (6.) the words of leaf blowers shall be in accordance with "Residential usage of leaf blowers shall be in accordance with..."

Mr. Tibbetts moved approval of the Proposed Bylaw Amendment with corrections. SO VOTED (7-3)
Mr. Adleman, Mr. Ruderman, and Ms. Snyder voted in the negative.

Mr. Adleman stated that there was no information on the web site. Mrs. Sullivan will check with the webmaster to see where the information went that she put on the web a few weeks earlier. Mrs. Sullivan will email and forward the web link to the Committee. It was also decided that Mr. Adleman will forward his chart to Mrs. Sullivan to be distributed to the Committee via email.

Mrs. Mahon stated that the next meetings of interest are:

- March 18th is the BOS Warrant Hearing
- April 8th is the Committee prep meeting for the Special Town Meeting - Leaf Blower Bylaw Amendment Hearing, to be held in the Selectmen's Chambers @ 7:00 PM

-April 24th is the Special Town Meeting - Leaf Blower Bylaw Amendment Hearing
to be held in the Town Hall Auditorium @ 8:00 PM

Mrs. Mahon made a motion at 8:05 PM to reconvene at the BOS meeting to present and then end discussion.
SO VOTED (10-0)

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan
Selectmen's Office

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Agenda Item Documents Used

- 1 Draft minutes 2/4/13
2. Draft Bylaw Amendment Changes document
3. G. Adleman's chart